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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application for examination, wherein claims 1, 12 and 13 being independent.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hallenstal (US Pat No. 6,125,126).

Regarding claim 1, Hallenstal teaches a method for provisioning a geographically-specific phone number (e.g., trigger calling number) to a customer, comprising the steps of:

providing said customer with a plurality of geographically-specific phone numbers (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, lns 24-48; and col. 7, lns 34-64);

receiving from said customer a selected geographically-specific phone number corresponding to a first geographic region wherein said customer is located in a second geographic region (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, lns 24-48; and col. 7, lns 34-64);

associating said selected geographically-specific phone number with said customer (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64);

receiving from a remote caller a request to communicate with said customer at said selected geographically-specific phone number (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64);

establishing a communications link with said customer (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64); and

enabling said remote caller and said customer to communicate via said communications link (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 2, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of geographically-specific phone numbers are E.164 phone numbers (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 3, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said request from said remote caller is received via a PSTN connection (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 4, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said communications link is a PSTN connection (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 5, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said communications link is a wireless connection (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 6, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said communications link is an IP connection (see fig 7; and col. 9, In 45-col. 10, In 8).

Regarding claim 7, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said communications link is a VoIP connection (see fig 7; and col. 9, In 45-col. 10, In 8).

Regarding claim 8, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the step of establishing a communications link includes the steps of: storing at least one communication device address associated with said customer; and establishing a link with said customer via said at least one communication device address (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, Ins 24-48; and col. 7, Ins 34-64).

Regarding claim 9, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 8 wherein said at least one communication device address includes at least one selected from the group including a telephone number and an IP address (see fig 7; and col. 9, In 45-col. 10, In 8).

Regarding claim 10, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the steps of providing said customer with a plurality of geographically-specific phone numbers and

receiving from said customer a selected geographically-specific phone number is performed via the Internet (see fig 7; and col. 9, ln 45-col. 10, ln 8).

Regarding claim 11, Hallenstal teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said communications link supports any type of communications selected from the group including voice, data and video (see figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, lns 24-48; and col. 7, lns 34-64).

As to claims 12-20, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-11 as referred to figs 3 and 5-7; col. 6, lns 24-48; col. 7, lns 34-64; and col. 9, ln 45-col. 10, ln 8.

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art in general:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,590,184

U.S. Pat. No. 5,832,072

U.S. Pat. No. 6,091,948

U.S. Pat. No. 6,097,801

U.S. Pat. No. 6,163,597

U.S. Pat. No. 6,687,360

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui, Tel. No. (571) 272-7482. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

10 Dec. 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bing Q. Bui', written in a cursive style.

**BING Q. BUI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**